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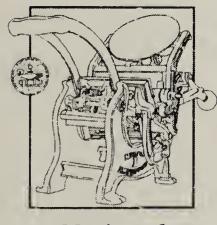
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President's Message



Have you recovered from the Fall Show? If you are like me, you're still recovering. I thought this year's show was our best ever.

Like always, being the show chairman I have a large list of people to thank. Without these people our convention and association would not have happened. If I omit anyone from the list, I apologize. But please know that each and every person

involved with ILNA is appreciated.

First I need to thank the Central States Numismatic Society's officers and Board of Governors for allowing ILNA the privilege and honor of hosting their Fall Show. I would like to thank each and every member of the ILNA Board for all their help and support. Also a big "thank you" goes to all of the 2003 dealers, exhibitors, educational speakers, and those ILNA members who attended the show and lent their support to a great convention. Also, my personal thanks to Krause Publications, Joel Edler, for supporting the show. In addition, thank you Joel for presenting me with the great honor of being named a Numismatic Ambassador. I have the privilege to be included with a group of outstanding people who have been devoted to our hobby with sincerity, patience, perseverance, and an ability to get things done. I am so grateful to you all.

As always there are so many people who help out ILNA, and not just once, but year after year. For Kermit and Donna Wasmer, I can only say that we could not put together an ILNA Show without you both. You are simply the finest Bourse Chairman and Registration Chairwoman around. Before I forget congratulations to Donna Wasmer and Gary Garrison for becoming ILNA's two newest board members.

Speaking of great ILNA couples. Two of the best people to ever work with are Roy and Jennifer Kuester. Roy does a fantastic job as exhibit chairman. Each year he brings together some of the best exhibitors in the Midwest to display their amazing exhibits. Jennifer does an outstanding job each year organizing our Sunday Youth Auction. Every year the auction gets better and better. Jennifer is not alone in organizing the auction. She has the help of some fantastic people. Thanks to Richard Prouty, Steve Butler, Wes Payton, and Roy for their work on the auction.

I had the distinct pleasure to be the auctioneer at this year's Youth Auction. As in previous years, I could not keep up with the enthusiasm and energy of our Young Numismatists. Their passion for our hobby is truly unmatched. They wore me out again this year.

I need to say a special thank you to Marlon Mathre of the Fox Valley Coin Auctions

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President's Message (Cont.)

for his donation to the Thursday night dealer party. I am glad to report that Fox Valley Coin Auctions had a very successful two-day auction.

There is another group of individuals that make our show such a success. They are the Saturday Speakers who provide the best educational talks on some of the most widely varied subject matter. This year's topics ranged from Cut Roman Coinage to 1794 US Large Cents. I must mention the splendid job Carl Wolf does in pulling together the speakers. Thank you Carl for another wonderful year of numismatic talks. To this year's speakers Dale Luckanich, Steve Butler, William Brandimore, Ray Dillard, Robert D. Leonard, Jr., Orville Grady, and John Wright my personal thanks for a job well done.

I would just like to say to each and every member of ILNA, members of the ILNA Board, dealers, speakers, exhibitors, YNs, and all of the show's attendees, my most heartfelt gratitude for your assistance in making this year's show a tremendous success. It definitely takes a team to bring a show of this magnitude together, and without a doubt our ILNA team is simply the best.

One final thought. If you did not attend this year's show. Please mark your calendar. Our next Fall Convention will be on September 16th to 19th, 2004.

I am going to close with a quick mention about our website. The address for the ILNA website is http://www.ilnaclub.org. You have to see this site. It is truly amazing. It looks great, easy to navigate, informative, educational, and constantly updated. You can get up-to-the-minute prices on precious metals on the introduction page, and so much more. Log on today and get informed.

Jack D. Huggins, Jr. President

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MAKING SENSE John D Wright, NLG



From the clues below, how soon can you guess the year?

In South Africa, Zulu chief Shaka is assassinated by his brothers, who become joint kings. Shaka had grown progressively more unbalanced mentally since the death of his mother last year, and his brothers have acted to stop the indescriminant executions. This seems disquietingly similar to some African states of today.

The memoirs of Giovanni Casanova are published this year, thirty years after Casanova's death. So there you have it — both the warrior and the lover in the same year.

Washington Irving, the author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle", is now a diplomatic attache in Spain. This year he turns his pen to Spanish history and publishes "History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus".

The world's first chocolate candy is produced this year by Dutch chocolate-maker Conrad Van Houten. Until now, the bitter product of South American cacao beans was only a powder used to make a chocolate beverage, sweetened to taste.

The Rio de la Plata (River of Silver) region in South America has long been claimed by both Brazil and Argentina. Only Britain's intervention and mediation prevents a war. By terms of the agreement, the area becomes a new country buffering the two combatants and subservient to neither. The new country is called "Uruguay".

Jedidiah Smith's expedition becomes the first to travel overland from California (San Diego) to the Pacific Northwest. Though Smith escapes, most of his party are slaughtered by Indians in Oregon Territory.

The first Cherokee newspaper, the "Cherokee Phoenix" begins this year in Echota, Georgia, using the "talking leaf" symbols created by Sequoyah seven years earlier.

As twin evidences of tolerance-levels of this era, the state of Georgia declares all laws of the Cherokee Nation to be null and void, and the Postmaster General of the US rules that negros can carry mail only if supervised by a white man.

The first recorded strike of factory workers in this country occurs this year at a textile plant in New Jersey. The militia is called out to end the labor violence, and the workers' goal fails. They had wanted a work shift to be limited to ten hours, with an hour lunch at noon.

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Making Sense (Cont.)

The American Pottery Manufacturing Company this year begins selling the first chinaware produced in the US. Previously all chinaware has been imported from Europe or China (from which the name derives).

A state seminary chartered by Indiana eight years ago adds non-religious training and is further chartered this year as Indiana College. Its name will be changed ten years hence to Indiana University.

If you are still stumped, the following better-known events of this year are normally taught in history classes.

Noah Webster culminates over twenty years of work by publishing "The American Dictionary of the English Language". The two-volume work contains 70,000 definitions. Included are many hundreds of uniquely American words, such as "revolution" and "applesauce".

The "Age of American Railroads" begins on July 4th of this year with the ground breaking ceremony in Baltimore for the newly formed Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The ceremony is attended by Charles Carroll, the only remaining signer of the Declaration of Independence. The first section of rails to Elliot's Mills will open in two years. Originally horse drawn, the trains will be steam powered within months of that opening. B&O rails will continue to be laid westward, reaching Saint Louis by 1857.

In a tit-for-tat master stroke, the US Congress passes a tariff bill imposing high duties on many imported goods, then immediately follows it with the Reciprocity Act, which eliminates duties on goods from countries who reciprocate. The tariff bill is called the "Tariff of Abominations" by southern states, and it pushes deeper a wedge between the industrial northern states and the agrarian southern states. It will take another third of a century for this widening rift to erupt into bloodshed.

Andrew Jackson is elected President of the United States, unseating his long-time rival John Q Adams. The campaign has been the most slanderous and verbally vicious yet. Political discord increases and begins to polarize along geographic lines.

Any of the last few items should have identified the year as 1828. The total value of gold mined in the US before 1828 is less than \$110,000. All of that has been from small deposits in North Carolina. Local private coinage of gold will not be tried here until two years hence. Less than one percent of all federal gold coinage before the 1830's is from US mined gold.

Gold coins struck by the US mint this year amount to only 28,000 half eagles. One

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Mattoon Coin Club 57 th Coin Show

Sunday November 30th

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Minutes Spring Board Meeting Springfield, IL. Sunday, June 22, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 12:51PM with following officers: President – Jack Huggins, Jr., Vice President – Don Keopple, Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – Kevin Wasmer, Chairman of the Board – Kermit Wasmer, Board Members - Steve Butler, David Spring, Roy Kuester, Frank Zapushek, Andrew Reiber, and Richard Prouty. Board members Jim Kaczor and Clayton Hagemann each have an excused absence. William Burbridge has an unexcused absence.

Secretary's Report – As per Huggins, the minutes of the Spring 2003 meeting was published in the Digest, and a motion was made to accept the minutes – 1st by Zapushek, 2nd by Keopple, passed. Secretary Doran reported that ILNA membership is currently at 315 members, with 315 individual members and 28 club members. A motion was made – 1st by Kermit Wasmer, 2nd by Butler, passed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Kevin Wasmer reported that the treasury (CD's, Checking, and Money Market accounts) looked good. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Keopple, passed. Also, it was discussed that the amount of money in the Life Member CD's should be increased, and after the Fall Show that the finances be looked at to see if this could be done. A motion was made – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Zapushek, passed. It was noted by Huggins, for the record, that all financial records from the previous treasurer are turned in.

Editor's Report – Digest Editor Zapushek stated that \$1,551.25 was collected from billed advertisements (webpage and Digest). Also, the cost for ILNA to have a webpage is \$119.88 per year, and the cost of ILNA's domain name is being taken care of courtesy of Baker Numismatics of Bloomington. A motion to accept the Editor's Report was made – 1st by Prouty, 2nd by Spring, passed.

Old Business – 2003 Elections –The board reviewed the ballot for the upcoming election of board members and by-law changes. After discussion, the board asked that a revision be made to add

The 2003 Fall Show was discussed. It was noted by Huggins that the bourse was sold out, and that wiring at the show site was not installed, but will be completed sometime in June.

New Business – 2004 Spring Show – It was discussed by the board as to where the 2004 Spring Show will be. Probable locations are Gilespie and Springfield. More on this will be discussed at the November meeting in Urbana.

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Minutes Spring Board

2004 Fall Show – It was noted by Huggins that the date for the 2004 Fall Show will be September 16-19, 2004 at Countryside. The date was moved due to a conflict with the Long Beach Coin Show in California. In addition, it was advised that a letter to the Rockford Area Coin Club be sent informing them of the date change. Motion was made – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Doran, passed.

Kermit Wasmer informed the board that some more show cases are needed, and after discussion, a motion was made to purchase more show cases as needed – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Spring, passed. Also, Zapushek stated that due to dealers coming to the show at 2:30PM on Thursday for set-up that board members who are also dealers be allowed to set up before that time. After discussion, a motion was made – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Doran, passed.

It was suggested by Huggins that "funny money" notes be made for the Youth Auction at the show, and asked Doran to print up some notes, with the costs of making them not to exceed \$50.00. After discussion, a motion was made — 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Kuester, passed. Also suggested by Huggins is that ILNA purchase 50 magnifiers with lights be made to give out to officers and board members of ILNA and CSNS. After discussion, a motion was made — 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Doran, passed.

Discussed was on who would succeed the Digest Editor, since Zapushek, the current Digest Editor, informed the Board that next year would be the last year that he would serve in at capacity. He also informed the Board that he will wish to step down as Webmaster next year as well, and suggested that a new Webmaster be sought. After discussion, Huggins formed a committee comprising of Keopple, Spring, and Reiber.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Keopple, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:55PM.

Michael B. Doran Secretary

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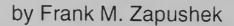
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Struck Counterfeit 1909 S Indian Cent





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Over the last three months, several counterfeit and altered 1909 S Indian cents have been brought to me at shows. Also, several altered 1909 S VDB have made their presence known.

The Mint spend time and money to produce a quailty product. They will also reproduce hundreds of dies from one master die. They pay attention to the very small details.

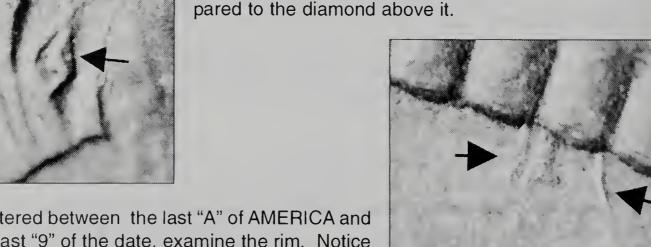
The counterfeiter is only producing one obverse and one reverse die. They can not afford to spend the money that the United States Mint spends on quality control during die production.

ILNA Board Member Richard Prouty gave me this die struck counterfeit 1909 S Indian cent to photograph. At first glance, this coin is very convincing. But after taking some time to study the coin, the imperfections come to light. Thanks to Richard, I will share this coin with you today.

Since a VF 1909 S Indian coin sells for between \$325 and \$400 and an AU sells for between \$425 and \$500, it pays to examine the coin carefully.



The diamonds in the head piece are the first place to look. Notice how the last dimaond is poorly formed compared to the diamond above it.



Centered between the last "A" of AMERICA and the last "9" of the date, examine the rim. Notice the three raised lines coming from the rim.

Most collectors spend time examining the obverse of the Indian cent, but very little time examining the reverse. The counterfeit knows this and spends less time on the reverse of the coin.

Let's examine the reverse die markers on this counterfeit die struck reverse.

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Raffle Winners for the CSNS/ILNA Fall Convention were:

J. Wayne won \$25 Door Prize

Darrell Thwaites won \$10 Gold Piece

Richard Armour won 1884 CC Dollar

John Schikora won \$5 Gold Piece

Kevin Blocker won \$75 in Cash

Bob McCann won \$25 in Cash

I would like to thank all of those who bought and sold raffle tickets. Also I would like to thank everyone who attended the fall convention.

Jack Huggins Show Chairman

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Huggins receives Ambassador From Numismatic News



Jack Huggins, Jr., Belleville, III., is the latest recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award sponsored by *Numismatic News*. Venue for presentation was the Illinois Numismatic Association/Central States Numismatic Society autumn show held in Countryside, III.

Coin Market editor Joel Edler, seen standing at right, gave the plaque to Huggins Sept. 6, between one of the many educational seminars held each year. Huggins is the current president of ILNA, which Edler noted is typical for him as he joins an organization. He is a worker who is willing to fill leadership positions in his local, state and regional clubs. He is willing to share his expertise in competitive exhibiting and has been a certified American Numismatic Association judge for over 25 years. He is also a regular contributor to the ILNA Digest.

In his roll as a CSNS board member, his occupation of accountant is put to use on the financial oversight committee. He provides tax advice and accounting improvements that are helpful. Besides serving as ILNA president, he was also on the Illinois Design Committee for that state's quarter, and is a member of the ANA, the Token and Medal Society, the Society of US Commemorative Coins, Indiana State Numismatic Association and Iowa Numismatic Society. Huggins grew up in a collecting family. His father, Jack, Sr., was also a hobby leader, a collector, an award-winning writer, exhibitor and very well respected volunteer in the coin collecting hobby.

One of the letters of recommendation began with, "Jack loves our hobby, and he shows it with his dedication," Edler said.

CSNS/ILNA Fall Convention produced the following exhibit award winners on September 5 –7, 2003:

By: Roy Kuester and Jack Huggins

Best Of Show: Ray Dillard – Elongated Tribute to 1904 St. Louis Worlds Fair

1st Place: Mike Dennany – Type Coins of Ireland 1928-1969

2nd Place: Rollie Finner – The Classic Crowns of Panama 1904-1953

3rd Place: Rollie Finner – Poplar Coins of the Bible

Appreciation Awards to:

Roy Kuester – United States Error Coins Mike Dennany – Irish Promissory on \$10 Dollar Note Carl Wolf – Nigerian Hoe Money

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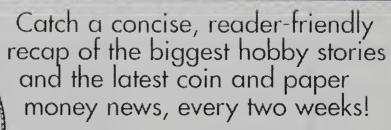
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Larry Briggs of SEGS picking up coins he won at the Fox Valley Coin Auctions table during the CSNS Fall Coin Show & Convention. Marion Mathre is on the left as Kevin Wasmer is on the right.



Jack Huggins and Richard Prouty playing with the kids at the YN Auction. Roy Kuester is handing them items to be auctioned.

This youth is a little involved in the YN Auction. Does he want the item up for auction or not. Looks like his helper is just a little involved also.





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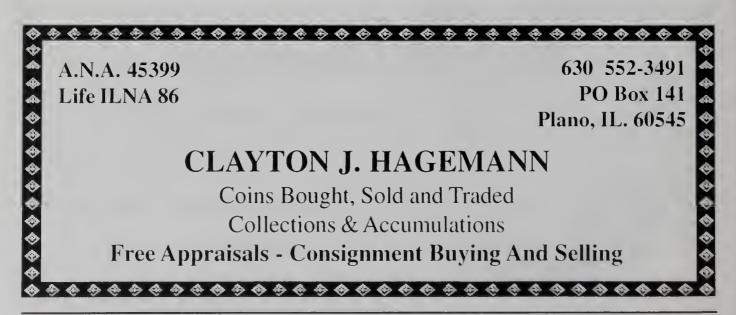
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By Jack Huggins Show Chairman

On behalf of the ILNA Board, I would like to thank the following list of people who donated to the YN Auction:

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INLA apologizes if by chance we missed anyone.



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

by Michael B. Doran

As I am typing this Secretary's Message, the Central States Numismatic Society Fall Show, hosted by ILNA, has passed, and I want to say it was a good show for collectors and dealers. The exhibits were nothing short of interesting, and the youth auction was a rousing success. If you missed this year's show, mark your calendars for our next one, which will be September 16-19, 2004. ILNA gained some new members at the show (5 juniors and 2 adult members, to be exact), and also, as I type this Secretary's Message, 2 more adult members and 1 club member (Heart Of Illinois Coin Club of Marion, IL) joined ILNA. To those new members, welcome.

ILNA had an election this year, and the following board members were reelected to the board for another 2 year term – Clayton Hagemann, Roy Kuester, and Steve Butler. Also, two new people were elected to the board – Gary Garrison and Donna Wasmer. Lets welcome them into the ILNA Board. Also, the new ILNA Constitution and By-Laws was passed, so the 1998 version is no longer valid. Copies of the new Constitution and By-Laws are available from myself or from our President, Jack Huggins.

The ILNA History Project is still going. So far, ILNA has received a few medals, some old copies of the Digest, and some elongates. If you have any ILNA related materials you wish to donate, such as medals, ribbons, elongates, old copies of the Digest, any items of interest, or if you have a story about ILNA's past, please e-mail or write me as well.

If you haven't visited the ILNA website lately, please check it out. You can find info such as upcoming coin shows in Illinois, as well as various dealer sites. The address is **www.ilnaclub.org**.

Finally, if there are any members who have questions about their ILNA membership (such as address changes), please feel free to contact me either by phone at (815) 802-0544 or by e-mail at secretary@ilnaclub.org. I will reply either way as fast as possible.

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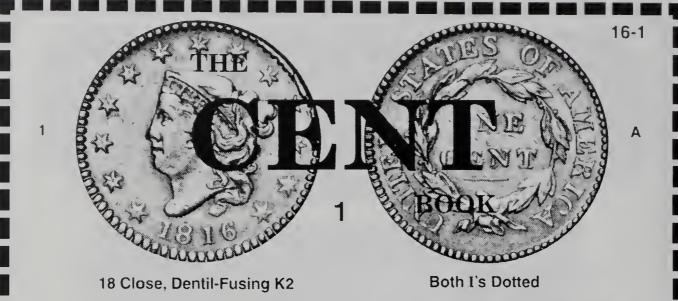
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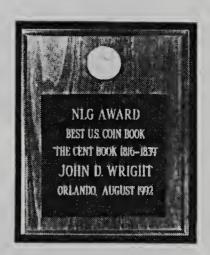
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Making Sense (Cont.)

variety of this year's half eagle has the date 1828 over 1827. All 1828 half eagles are rare enough that the overdate commands little or no premium.

To this miniscule gold issue we add a bit over four million silver coins and almost four million more copper pieces. One fascinating piece of this year is a quarter dollar with the "25c" denomination cut over "50c". Obviously the die cutter, after completing the lettering on nineteen half-dollar reverses, failed to notice at first that the twentieth die was a smaller diameter. A quick overstamp and hopefully nobody will ever notice.

The letter and numeral punches on US coinage vary widely this year. Half dollars of 1828 come with three styles of 2, two sizes of 8, and two sizes of letters on the reverse. These variations cause little or no difference in prices. There are two VERY different date sizes on both the dimes and the cents of 1828. For the large cents the single small-date die is like all of the next ten years, while the four large-date dies are like those of the preceding thirteen years.

The single most fascinating variety of 1828 is the twelve-star half cent. There were twenty-four states in 1828. The mint had standardized on thirteen stars back in 1797. No other US coin of ANY denomination or date is from a die cut with twelve stars. I would rank this in the same category as the fifteen-star 1817 cent — a diecutter's goof for which there is no logical explanation. The so-called "twelve-star" 1808 cent resulted from a broken die where one star did not strike up, similar to the "no-D" 1922 cent. Fortunately the twelve-star half cent is common enough that an interested collector can get one for little or no premium over its thirteen-star datemate. That is, unless that collector insists on an XF or better. One of those could cost you double or more.

Of course, my first love is the US large cents. Of the twelve die combinations from five obverse and eleven reverse dies of 1828 cents, most are common to only slightly scarce — including the single small-date die of this year. The only two scarce varieties of 1828 cents (N4 and N12) are not great rarities, but nice examples (VF or better) of either of them will see spirited bidding to several times the price of the most common 1828 cents.

If you are willing to settle for Fine or below, be patient. You can expect to cherrypick both a 28N4 and a 28N12 within three to five years — and hunting for them is more fun than just plopping down a big wad of money.

John D. Wright is the author of "The CENT Book", which covers U.S. cents of 1816-1839. He has collected U.S. large cents for almost fifty years.



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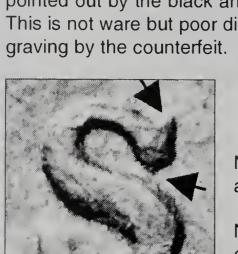


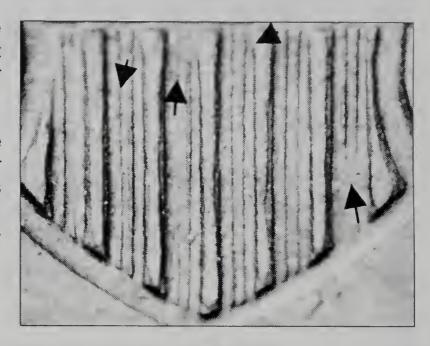
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Struck Counterfeit (Cont.)

Most counterfeit Indians have very poor details in the shield, yet most collectors mistake it for ware.

The shield should ware first in the center, not on the top, bottom or sides. Notice the poor details pointed out by the black arrows. This is not ware but poor die engraving by the counterfeit.





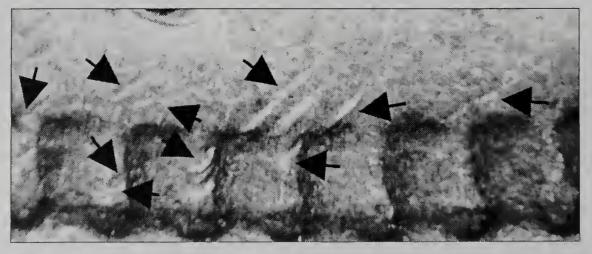
Many collectors look at the mintmark, but do they examine the mintmark?

Notice the spike at the top of this mintmark and the lack of space shown with the second black arrow. Neither of these will be found on the genuine coin.

The area around and near the mintmark should be examined very carefully on every key or semi-key date coin. This is a very important area for both altered and die struck counterfeits.

If the area below this mintmark were to be examine in detail, a pain should come into your stomach. It will not be gas or indigestion, but a sick feel of buyer beware.

Notice all the raised lines below the mintmark at the rim. These raised lines are below the mintmark and on both sides of the mintmark at the rim. These are not die polish lines or gouges. They are poor quality control on the part of the counterfeiter.



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Struck Counterfeit (Cont.)

If you move around the reverse of this struck counterfeit to the feathers, you will notice a few more raised lines. Notice the four or five raised lines between the feathers and the rim.

Remember, time is money for both you and the counterfeiter. Most counterfeits can not spend the time or money to produce quality in the fine detail. But you can spend the money if you don't spend the time.



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NOVEMBER 9, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. 9 AM to 4 PM Location: Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. Tables: 45 Fee: \$40 Admission: \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. Contact: Patrick Devine, Show Chairman, 217, 787-3241

NOVEMBER 9 (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

NOVEMBER 15, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 10th Holiday Show Pekin, IL. Location: Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. Tables: 30, Fee: \$30, Admission: Free, Contact: Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

NOVEMBER 30, (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club's 57th Coin Show, Mattoon, IL, Location: Burgess-Osborne Building (1 block east off Rt 45 at "T" Juction with Rt. 6, 9 AM to 4 PM, Admission: .50 cents

DECEMBER 14 (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

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FEBRUARY 1, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 89th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, Location: Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. Tables: 50 Fee: \$35 Admission: Free, Contact: Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone: 815 547-6382

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FEBRUARY 8 (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

March 14 (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

MARCH 28, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Spring Coin Show-Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3280 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$40 Admission: \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL. 62704 *Phone:* 217 528-7634

APRIL 4, (Sun) Quad City Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* Milan Community Center Camden Park, US Route 67, Milan, IL *Tables:* 70, Admission: Free, Contact: John R. Brixey 1553 39th St, Rock Island, IL 61201, Phone: 309 788-8726

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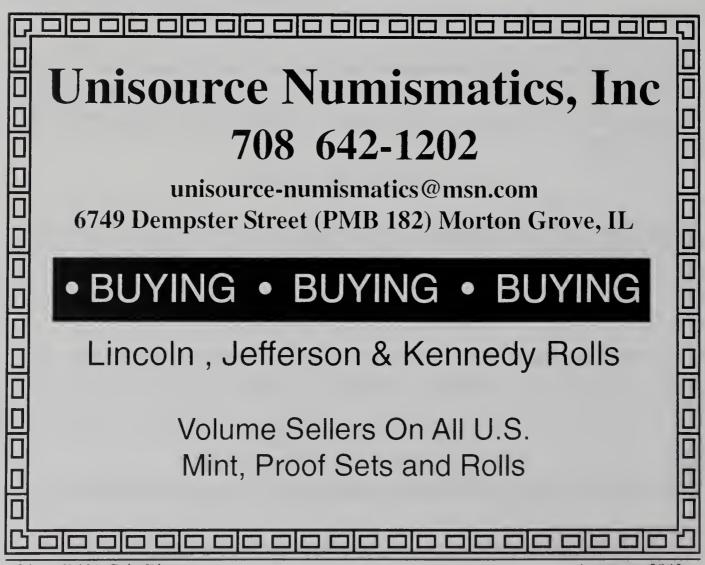
Central Illinois Numismatic Association. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Y.W.C.A., 5th & Jackson Street (Northeast of the Governor's Mansion), Springfield, IL. *Information:* Jay Peniwell, 4 Oak Ridge Dr. Decatur, IL. 62521. Phone 217 428-9853

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Danville Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. *Information*: Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL. 61832. Phone 217 443-6942

Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information*: Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Hgts. IL. 62208. Phone Harry Niccum at 618 632-3331.

Edgar County Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M.. at the Edgar County Farm Bureau Bldg. basement, 210 W. Washington, Paris, IL. *Information:* Elmer Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL 61944 Phone: 217 463-2217

Elgin Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. *Information:* Mike Metras, President E.C.C., P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177 email: ecc@prairienet.com

Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837. *Phone:* 618 842-2035

Fox Valley Coin Club. *Meetings*: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville National Bank, Rte 47 & Van Emmon, Yorkville, IL. *Information*: Fox Valley Coin Club, P.O. Box 141, Plano, IL. 60545, Phone: 630 552-3491

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Lake County Coin Club. *Meeting*: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. *Information*: Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL. 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings*: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m., Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, *Information*: P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL. 61938.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. *Meetings*: First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. *Information:* OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information*: John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL. 61266

Railsplitter Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Manor/Odd Fellows Highrise (across from Lincoln High School), Lincoln, IL. *Information*: Bob Olson, 217 793-5134 or Dean Baker, 217 732-7069 or write Railsplitters Coin Club, P.O. Box 1034 Springfield, IL. 62705-1034

Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings*: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL., *Information:* RCC, 203 E. Campbell St. Rantoul, IL. 61866

Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings*: Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p. m. (June, July, August at 6:00 PM) at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). *Information*: Larry A. Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr., Belvidere, IL. 61008, Phone: 815 547-6382

Sauk Trail Coin Club. *Meetings*: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Chicago Heights Park District Building, 14th St. and Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, IL. *Information*: Harold Ober, P.O. Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL. 60461. Phone 708 747-0461.

St. Clair Numismatic Society. *Meetings*: Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information*: St Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main. Belleville, IL. 62220. Phone 618 277-4493.

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Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings*: First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information*: D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309 353-6178.

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